REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's belief that claims 5-6, 11-12, 18, 22-23, 28 and 31-32 would constitute allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Application has removed from present consideration those claims found rejected by the Examiner and has rewritten claims 5-6, 11-12, 18, 22-23, 28 and 31-32 to include all the limitations of the base claims from which they depended respectively. Applicant further notes Examiner's belief that claims 33-48 constitute allowable subject matter. Thus, Applicant believes the application is ripe for allowance.

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Conclusion

Date: August 3, 2004

In view of the amendments and remarks included herein, it is respectfully

submitted that the present application is in condition for final allowance and notice to such effect

is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved

before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact

him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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